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# Change of Boundary Lines

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### Acts of 1803 Chapter 70

**SECTION 1.** That the counties of Davidson and Williamson be divided by a line as follows: Beginning on the Williamson line, on the extreme height of the ridge dividing the waters of Mill Creek from those of Stone's River; thence with that ridge a southwardly direction to the eastern boundary line of said Williamson county; thence with said line south to the south boundary of this state; thence with the boundary of the State, east to the corner of Wilson County; thence with the Wilson county line north to the corner of said county; thence with the line of said county north fifty one and a half degrees west to the southwest corner of said Wilson county; thence a direct course to the mouth of Sugg's Creek; thence a direct line to the beginning. And the county so laid off on the east and southeast on the waters of Stone's river, agreeably to the above described lines, be known and distinguished by the name of Rutherford.

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** Section 2 concerned administration of Rutherford County. Section 3 allowed the sheriff or collector of the taxes of Davidson or Williamson Counties to collect the taxes due to the their counties prior to the passage of this Act.

Passed: October 25, 1803.

### Acts of 1807 Chapter 94

**SECTION 1.** That Williamson County shall be reduced to its constitutional limits (to wit:) Beginning three hundred and fifty-nine chain south of the old Indian Boundary line upon Duck river ridge, where Dickson county formerly cornered with the said county of Williamson, thence running south seventy-six degrees east to Rutherford County line, and all that part lying north of said line shall be, and remain Williamson County.

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** All the remaining portions of this Act create and organize Maury County, and are not reproduced here.

Passed: November 16, 1807.

### Acts of 1809 Chapter 37

**SECTION 1.** That the southern boundary line of Williamson County, from the point where the northeast corner of Maury County corners on the said line, shall be altered as to run due from the said point to the eastern boundary line of Williamson County, and the inhabitants south of said line shall become a part of Bedford County, provided, that the Sheriff of Williamson County may first collect the taxes which are due from said inhabitants, in the same manner as if they had not been attached to Bedford County.

**SECTION 2.** That Newton Cannon be appointed a surveyor to run and mark the said line as directed to be altered, and shall be allowed two dollars per day for the said service, to be paid by the citizens living in that part of Williamson County which is struck off by this Act, and added to Bedford.

**SECTION 3.** That this Act shall be in force from the fifth day of December, in the year 1809.

Passed: November 8, 1809.

### Acts of 1815 Chapter 153

**SECTION 1.** That that part of Davidson county which lies south of a line drawn due west from the mouth of Little Harpeth River to the northwest corner of Williamson County be and the same is hereby added to and made a part of Williamson County.

**SECTION 2.** That it shall be the duty of the Justices of the Peace for Williamson County at the next term of the court of pleas and quarter sessions held for said county to appoint a skillful surveyor who shall run and mark the aforesaid line from the mouth of Little Harpeth River to the northwest corner of Williamson County which said surveyor shall receive such compensation for his service as shall be allowed him by said county court, but nothing in this act

shall be construed to prevent the sheriff or collector of Davidson County from collecting the state and county tax due from the persons living within that part of Davidson County which is by this act added to Williamson County.

**SECTION 3.** That the persons living in that part of Davidson county which is by this act added to Williamson County shall not be subject to the payment of a county tax which now is or may hereafter be laid for the purpose of discharging the expenses that have accrued on account of building the court house, jail and other public improvements in Williamson County.

**SECTION 4.** That the persons by this act added to Williamson County shall not be compelled to open the road leading from Franklin to the town of Charlotte in Dickson County, or a road leading from Franklin to Vernon in Hickman County, or any other new road not heretofore established by law, except those who requested by their petition to be annexed to Williamson County, or shall hereafter sign a petition to the county court of Williamson asking such road to be opened.

**SECTION 5.** That the Sheriff of Davidson county shall on the last Saturday of December next, open and hold an election at the house of Robert Shannon when every person constitutionally entitled to vote for members of the Legislature and residing in the section of the county intended to be cut off, shall be authorized to vote at said election when and where the sheriff aforesaid shall put the county of Davidson and the county of Williamson in nomination and if a majority of said voters shall vote for the county of Williamson then this act shall take effect and be in full force, otherwise it shall be void to all intents and purposes whatever. Provided that the sheriff for his services in holding said election shall be allowed the sum of five dollars to be paid by the county of Williamson out of any monies in the hands of the trustee of said county on said sheriff making return to Williamson County Court at the January term 1816 that he had performed the services required by this act, and when the election so held he shall make a true return of the amount of votes, and how they are, given under his hand and seal, which shall be sufficient evidence of the fact.

Passed: November 12, 1815.

## Acts of 1851-52 Chapter 304

**SECTION 1.** That the line between the counties of Rutherford and Williamson be changed, so as to run as follows, to wit: Beginning where the Nashville and Shelbyville road now crosses the Bedford County line, running thence northward to M. C. Jordan's southwest corner; thence with his line to the head of Big Harpeth River; thence down Big Harpeth River, as it meanders, to the mouth of the East Fork; thence northward, so as to strike the Rutherford County line near Rehoboth Meeting house, and that the citizens of the portion so taken off, shall be added to, and be citizens of Rutherford County from and after the passage of this act.

Passed: February 17, 1852.

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** Section Two of this Act referred to DeKalb County and therefore, is not included herein.

## Acts of 1867-68 Chapter 13

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** Only Section 6 of this Act affected Williamson County.

**SECTION 6.** That the county lines between the counties of Rutherford and Williamson, be so changed as to run as follows: Beginning at the southeast corner of Williamson County and the north boundary line of Bedford County, running westwardly with the Bedford and Marshall County line to the Fayetteville and Farmington Turnpike; thence north with the said Turnpike road to the line between Mrs. Crump's and T. F. P. Allison's land East of the pike; thence east with line between Allison's and Bellafant and J. Jordan's Sr., and Joshua Johnson's heirs, to J. Jordan's northeast corner; thence north to Harpeth River; thence down the same to where the big road that runs from College Grove to Williamson Jordan's old homestead crosses the same; thence east with said road to the Eaglesville, Unionville and Salem Turnpike; thence north with the same to the culvert, near the toll-house; thence east with the big road via John Haley's; and thence eastwardly to the Rutherford County line; and thence, as at present, with said line between Rutherford and Williamson Counties.

Passed: December 3, 1867.

## Acts of 1869-70 Chapter 88

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** Only Section 7 of this Act pertained to Williamson County.

**SECTION 7.** That the county line between the counties of Williamson and Cheatham be so changed as to run as follows: Commencing at the point where the line of said county of Cheatham connects with the line of the county of Williamson, near the residence of Mrs. Nicholas Knight; running thence north to the south boundary of James Russell's land; thence east to his southeast corner; thence north with the land of said Russell and Joel Telley to said Telley's northeast corner; thence west to the line of Cheatham County; thence north with the line of said Cheatham and Davidson Counties, to a stake east of northeast corner of the land of John W. Ivey; thence west to the present line between said counties of Cheatham and Williamson; and that said sections thus detached from said county of Cheatham, and attached to said county of Williamson, constitute a part of the First Civil District of Williamson County.

Passed: February 28, 1870.

## Acts of 1871 Chapter 148

**SECTION 1.** That hereafter the county line between the counties of Rutherford and Williamson shall be changed so as to run as follows: Beginning at the Harpeth River where the College Grove and the road to Williamson Jordan's homestead crosses; thence running north with the meanderings of said river to the northwest corner of Joseph M. Haley's; thence east with the said Haley's and McCord's line to the southwest corner of the toll gate lot; thence north to the Northwest corner of the toll gate lot thence east with said lot to the Eagleville, Unionville and Shelbyville turnpike; thence north with said turnpike to Spot Covington's north boundary line; thence east to Spot Covington's northeast corner, and thence so as to include the tract of land owned by C.A. Hill, purchased of Jordan's estate; thence south with the line between C.A. Hill's tract and John Floyd's tract to J.K.P. Barrett's north boundary line; thence east with said Barrett's line so as to include W.T.J. Wood and Susan Wood's tract; thence east, between John Haley's and Newton McCord's tracts, to the Franklin and Versailles road; thence south with said road to the Rutherford County line, all the parties effected having petitioned for said change, and it not reducing Williamson County below its constitutional limits.

**SECTION 2.** That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: December 13, 1871.

## Acts of 1877 Chapter 156

**SECTION 1.** That the east boundary line of Williamson County be so changed as to include in Williamson County the following lands, which are now in Rutherford County, viz: Beginning at the northeast corner of the land of W. T. Wood; thence between the land of Wood and John Haley and J. B. Critchlow, leaving in Williamson County the lands of Wood now in Rutherford; thence between lands of K. P. Barrett and J. B. Critchlow, leaving in Williamson County the lands of Barrett nor in Rutherford; thence between the lands of S. L. Covington and J. B. Critchlow, leaving in Williamson the lands of Covington now in Rutherford; thence between the lands of heirs of N. McCord's toll gate lot and land of J. M. Haley, along present line to Big Harpeth River; thence up said river to the line between the lands of M. A. Campbell and J. C. Anderson, leaving Anderson's land in Williamson County; thence between Anderson, heirs of I. Belenfont, W. D. Patton, and J. P. Allison, of Williamson, and \_\_\_\_\_ Zaney, W. C. Jordan, Joseph Jones, of Rutherford, to Mrs. M. W. Jordan's northeast corner; thence between Mrs. M. W. Jordan and Chesly Williams and William McMeeken, leaving lands of Mrs. Jordan in Williamson, and lands of C. Williams and William McMeeken in the county of Rutherford.

**SECTION 2.** That this act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: March 24, 1877.

## Acts of 1877 Chapter 168

**SECTION 1.** That the line between the counties of Rutherford and Williamson be changed as follows: Beginning where the Rutherford and Williamson County line intersects the road from Windrow's Church to near the forks of the Unionville, Nolensville and Farmington

Pike; thence west with said road to Henry H. Pate's southwest corner; thence north with the west boundary line of Henry H. Pate and Henry C. Allen to the road from Murfreesboro to Thomas Redman's on the Unionville and Nolensville Pike; thence west with said road to J. B. Jordan's southwest corner; thence north with said Jordan's west boundary line to the road from Coleman Jordan's to Triune; thence east with said road to the original county line between Rutherford and Williamson.

**SECTION 2.** That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: March 23, 1877.

## Acts of 1889 Chapter 75

**SECTION 1.** That the line between the counties of Davidson and Williamson be changed as follows: So as to run from the point where the Davidson and Williamson line now crosses Mill Creek, the line run up in the center of Mill Creek to a point opposite where the Franklin and Lebanon Road crosses the Nolensville Turnpike; thence in a straight line, about fifty yards to the center of said Nolensville Turnpike, where said Franklin and Lebanon Road crosses said turnpike; thence up and in the center of said Nolensville Turnpike, it being a southerly direction, to a point opposite the Rock Well; thence in a southeasterly course to where the present line between Davidson and Williamson crosses the Burkett Road, and the line of Davidson County is so extended as to include the lands within said boundaries in Davidson County.

**SECTION 2.** That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: March 12, 1889.

## Private Acts of 1931 Chapter 793

**SECTION 1.** That the territory of Williamson County lying in the extreme northerly portion of the 17th Civil District thereof, and described by metes and bounds, as follows: "Beginning at the present intersection of the line between Davidson and Williamson Counties and the right of way line of the Battle Road which is at the dividing line between Battle tract and the Henry Guthrie tract, the plan of which is of record in Minute Book C-C, Page 106, Circuit Court of Davidson County, Tennessee; thence along the northerly right of way line of the Battle or Kidd Road, north 88 3/4 degrees west 55.76 poles to the dividing line between lots No. 1 and 2 of the said Henry Guthrie tract, thence along said dividing line due north to a point in the old Davidson and Williamson County line, thence in a southeasterly direction with the old Davidson and Williamson County line to a point in the line between the Battle and Guthrie tracts, thence due south with said line to the beginning and containing approximately 12 acres of land," shall be and the same is hereby attached to and constitutes a part of Davidson County, Tennessee.

**SECTION 2.** That the territory of Davidson County, lying in the extreme southerly portion of the 6th Civil District thereof and described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at a point in the old Davidson and Williamson County line the northwest corner of the tract of land added to Davidson County by the preceding Section of this Act, thence due north with the property line between Mrs. Nammie E. Guthrie and T. W. Fly to the property line of Mrs. Mattie H. Sneed, thence along the southerly boundary of the Mrs. Mattie H. Sneed property and the northerly boundary of the T.W. Fly tract, north 88 3/4 degrees, west, 87.44 poles to the intersection of the present line between Davidson and Williamson Counties, thence in a southeasterly direction with the present county line to the beginning, containing 28 acres, shall be and the same is hereby attached to and constitutes a part of Williamson County, Tennessee.

**SECTION 3.** That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: June 25, 1931.

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